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### BOB STILL ROLLING AT HOP FARM



FOLK legend Bob Dylan brought the Hop Farm Festival to a close on Saturday night, watched on by more than 40,000 fans.

The world-famous singer songwriter headlined the sun-drenched Paddock Wood festival, treating the crowd to a number of his most popular hits as well as reworkings of other timeless tracks.

The two-day event also featured the likes of Van Morrison, Blondie, Laura Marling and Ray Davies on the bill.

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■ BY IAN READ

A RAPIST who attacked a woman in Mote Park has been sent to jail for nine years by a judge at Maidstone Crown Court.

Traveller James McDonagh and two other men pounced on their victim, a gay 31-year-old alcoholic, as she slept under a tree in June last year.

The 40-year-old raped her while his accomplices held her down.

McDonagh has consistently denied carrying out the horrific attack, saying he was at home with his wife in Walthamstow, East London, at the time.

But he was trapped when his DNA matched a sample on the victim's underwear.

The jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict against McDonagh.

Judge Martin Joy, presiding, said McDonagh's evidence was "palpably untrue".

He said: "The jury convicted this man on compelling and overwhelming evidence.

"A young woman was asleep in the park and two men held her down while you subjected her to rape. She was a vulnerable person who awoke to find herself being attacked by three men.

"The nature of the random attack by these men is a disturbing factor in this case. She suffered horrendous pain as a result. In passing sentence the law requires me to protect the public from serious harm."

McDonagh has refused to name the two other men who were with him that night but police have vowed to catch them.

Maidstone Area Commander Chief Supt Matthew Nix said: "It was a vicious, cowardly

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# 'Fresh look' at maternity plan not enough for campaigners

A FRESH look at plans to downgrade Maidstone's maternity unit has been ordered by new health secretary Andrew Lansley.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has clashed with campaigners over its proposal to move its consultant-led maternity unit to the new Pembury hospital.

Maidstone and Weald MP Helen Grant and the Maidstone Action for Services in Hospital (Mash) pressure group have both voiced objections to the plan.

They had hoped Conservative health chief Mr Lansley would rule out the Pembury move.

But he instead ordered fresh consultations between the health trust and local GPs, councils, maternity workers and patients – although he has accepted changes would have to be made. They are to report to him in two months.

Mrs Grant said: "I'm very disappointed the dreadful plans for Maidstone's maternity services have yet to be stopped in their tracks. It simply cannot be right that the county town, with its large and growing population, is to have no consultant-led maternity services. Removing the choice for many Maidstone mums to have their babies near home just to fill newly created beds 45 minutes away is abjectly wrong and dangerous."

The MP says she will continue to follow the Trust's proposals closely.

She said: "I find it hard to see how the case for downgrading can be sustained. I'll be watching like a hawk as we battle on."

Mash chairman Dennis Fowle claimed health officials were "pandering" to a lobby based in Tunbridge Wells. He also said deprived areas of Maidstone would



**BATTLING ON:** Helen Grant MP, with new health minister Andrew Lansley

get a raw deal as transport links to Pembury were inadequate.

"The changes must not be made to satisfy a Tunbridge Wells demand for an all-singing, all-dancing women's and children's department in a highly expensive PFI hospital at Pembury," he said. "For far too long Tunbridge Wells' parochial wishes have been dominant."

"Both Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells should continue to have core services in their own hospitals, especially emergencies, and the Pembury business plan must be amended. Mash will be meeting to discuss its next step with the BMA. We will never accept this – the battle goes on."

A Trust spokesman welcomed the review panel's findings. He said: "We will be working closely with our partners and stakeholders to address remaining public concerns as we implement the changes."

## Horse box pensioner awaits punishment

A PENSIONER has been found guilty of handling stolen goods.

James William Wenham, of Headcorn Road, Ulcombe, was arrested after a stolen horse box, valued at £20,000, was found in his yard.

The 68-year-old protested his innocence, but was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court on Wednesday, last week. He will be sentenced on July 23.

The court heard how officers executed a search warrant at Wenham's home in October, 2008.

They found an M-registration blue Ford Iveco horse box in his yard.

Checks revealed it matched a silver L-registration Iveco stolen from Lynsted, Sittingbourne, in April that year.

The number plate on the blue horse box belonged to an old scaffolding lorry, which had been sold in September, 2008.

Examination revealed the chassis number had been ground off.

Police found paperwork relating to the stolen silver horse box inside the blue vehicle on Wenham's drive. The owner of the stolen silver horse box confirmed it was her vehicle.

Wenham said he purchased the blue horse box from a man he hadn't met before and whose details he didn't have, who offered the vehicle "as stolen but recovered" as he passed his yard.

## Mobility scooter plea



THIS mobility scooter has been wheeled off to police HQ after being found in Maidstone town centre.

The vehicle was left outside a Tonbridge Road property on Thursday, June 17. PC Helen Bateman, who found the scooter, said: "It appears to have run out of battery, so may have been left by the owner who couldn't make it home."

"It's in good condition, has dark red paintwork with a light grey seat."

"If anyone is missing the vehicle or has an elderly relation to whom they think it belongs, contact police on 01622 604361."

The scooter will be sold at auction if the owner cannot be traced and the proceeds given to charity.

# Anthony's eloquence plane to see

A SCHOOLBOY'S impassioned plea to save a landmark tree in the town centre was ignored – but ironically it could be saved from the axe by Government spending cuts.

Last week, 15-year-old Anthony Hill handed Maidstone's planning committee a 600-signature petition pleading to save the London plane tree outside Maidstone town hall.

The St Simon Stock pupil was unable to prevent the committee from rubber stamping a £4.5 million redevelopment plan for the area around the High Street and Middle Row.

He said: "These plans were passed even though the loss of the plane tree

concerned the people of Maidstone."

"It is a focal point for the community and a place where my friends and I like to meet. I was determined to try to save this tree because it is so well loved."

"All is not lost as the council must ensure adequate funding before the project starts."

"The council requires £4.5 million for the whole project and can only meet a third of those costs. This leaves £3m to find – which is the same amount the council needs to cut each year for the next three years."

Anthony spoke for three minutes against the scheme.

Town centre manager Bill Moss was impressed by Anthony's eloquence.

He said: "He spoke very powerfully. It must have been daunting for the young lad in front of those people. He carried it off very well."

"Sadly for him the committee didn't follow his argument and voted that the tree should go."

Engineers claim the tree's roots are undermining the foundations of the town hall and the pavement outside.

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# Did queue enjoy the Hop Farm Festival?

## Fans' anger at waiting around

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Hop Farm Festival is fast-becoming known as the musical equivalent of Marmite.

The Paddock Wood weekender, now in its third year, continues to have that love it or loathe it reaction with music fans.

Two years ago, thousands of wet and worn-out festivalgoers' fond memories of the day – which featured Supergrass, Rufus Wainwright and Primal Scream – were dampened after Neil Young's headline set was followed by a three-hour car park queue for the exit.

And it was much the same this time around. There were no complaints with the line-up, which was once again brimming over with the very best acts and artists the musical world has to offer.

But the festival once again fell down on the finer details that were seemingly overlooked.

Sun-drenched Hop Farmers were forced to queue for up to an hour to quench their thirst at the bars, while queues for water and the women's toilets were just as long.

And then there were the now customary last



night tailbacks as 40,000 festivalgoers attempted to make their way home.

All of which led scores of frustrated fans to post criticisms of the two-dayer on internet messageboards.

Theo Adamson wrote on the Hop Farm's official Facebook page: "Hop Queue Festival – great day on Saturday but just far too many queues for everything."

Tamsin Tucker added: "I loved seeing some fantastic legends but the queues for everything did spoil things."

"There just wasn't enough of anything for the amount of people."

"The second stage was running behind so we missed lots of people we came to see. The good thing was I went home sober and with money in my purse although hungry and dehydrated."

However, Rosie Baker said she had thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

She wrote: "Awesome Festival! The guy below talking about it as an "exercise in endurance" clearly has a low tolerance. I'd like to see him try to struggle with Glastonbury or in fact any of the other festivals in the UK or Europe. Totally well put together from start to finish, from transport to bars and best of all an amazing line-up."



**HIGHLIGHTS:** Festivalgoers complained about the queues but enjoyed the acts, including Ray Davies (above) who entertained crowds on the Saturday

Headline act Bob Dylan also divided opinions.

Kevin Lovell, from Herne Bay, took the middle ground when he said: "Dylan himself was good, but he re-works the songs so much and it can be hard to tell just what he's playing at times."

"I don't expect a greatest hits package, but he hardly seems bothered about pleasing his audience. It was alright but just not great. Ray Davies and Devendra Banhart were much better."

Based on previous years, The Hop Farm Festival 2011 will boast a stellar line-up of the world's best and most-cherished performers.

Here's hoping the darker side of the weekend's reputation is remedied next time around.

## Accomplices still sought by police

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attack on a vulnerable woman. It was very unfortunate she had to relive the attack in front of a jury.

"My officers have done a fantastic job because this man is no longer on the street but we need to know who the other two men are."

"Somebody out there knows who they are and we need them to come forward. If there are other victims who may have been assaulted by this man, we need to talk to them too."

Veronica Reeve, defending, said the father of eight planned to appeal against his conviction. She said he had consistently denied being in Mote Park and that no threats or weapons had been used and the attack was not sustained.

A statement issued on behalf of the family said: "This assault upon our daughter has left us, both as individuals and, as a family, totally devastated."

"Her decision to give evidence at has to be applauded, despite the trauma experienced during the assault. She has had to relive in graphic detail, the events that took place in front of total strangers."

"We've found total support from the police and witness support groups without whose understanding our situation would have seemed even more tragic and traumatic."

"We must start again to rebuild our lives and carry on trying to put this dreadful period behind us."

## Lettie's fundraiser to say thanks to charity

A TEENAGER who was badly injured after falling off her pony has vowed to raise money for the Kent Air Ambulance in order to show her gratitude to the flying doctors who went to her aid.

Lettie Head, 16, from Langley, was rescued after being thrown from her Irish Cob, Patsy, on a Thurnham bridleway in May.

The stricken schoolgirl – believed to have suffered a fractured pelvis – was airlifted to Maidstone Hospital within minutes of the accident.

She was released from hospital five days later.

The grateful teenager said she wants to raise funds for the helicopter which needs £1.7m a year to stay airborne.

"The Air Ambulance is a charity at the end of the day and I want to give something back because they helped me," she said.

"I just want to thank them for what they did. The service is really important because it can get to serious emergencies really quickly."

Lettie visited the Air Ambulance base at Marden with her father David last week and was given a guided tour of the aircraft by pilot Nick Bramley and Dr Amy Hughes.

She said: "I just wanted to let them



**FLYING DOCTORS:** Lettie Head gets back into the air ambulance and re-lives her rescue

know I was OK and to say thank you. I found out a lot about what went on and what happened in the helicopter."

She wants to raise money for the Air Ambulance by holding a music and quiz night at her local village hall and by taking part in Funky Footwear Friday on September 24.

If you would like to make a donation to the Air Ambulance please call 01622 833833. Alternatively cheques can be made payable to Kent Air Ambulance Trust and posted to Wheelbarrow Park Estate, Pattenden Lane, Marden, Kent, TN12 9QJ.

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**CONISCATED:** More than 900 items were recovered from May Jones' home after she was caught for shoplifting

# Serial shoplifter to pay £34,000 or face jail time

A CONVICTED shoplifter has been ordered to pay back more than £34,000 of ill-gotten gains.

May Jones, 64, of Malling Road, Snodland, was told to hand over the cash within six months or face a 12-month jail sentence.

The confiscation hearing took place at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, June 25.

The court heard how Jones was given a 23-month suspended prison sentence in May last year after being found guilty of possessing stolen clothing, jewellery, toys, shoes and other goods from a number of well-known high street stores.

## Prolific

Jones was arrested after officers raided her home and found more than 900 items of low value clothing and goods, most still in their original packaging, which appeared to be the result of shoplifting.

The prolific shoplifter was also convicted of possessing criminal property in February

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

2008 and convicted of carrying out two minor shoplifting offences in Aylesford and Gillingham in 2007.

These offences enabled Kent Police financial investigators to pursue Jones for criminal lifestyle assets.

Financial investigators from Kent Police's Serious Economic Crime Unit (SECU) were able to seek a confiscation order for £34,921 under the Proceeds of Crime Act which allows the recovery of cash and assets obtained by criminal activity.

Detective Inspector Mark Fairhurst from Kent Police's Serious Economic Crime Unit said: "Jones was a prolific shoplifter who caused the shops she stole from to suffer large financial losses which were unacceptable.

"Kent Police will work to ensure that those making a living from crime will be forced to pay back money obtained through illegal means."

## Woman motorcyclist dies after A20 crash

A BIKER was killed after colliding with a van on the A20 in West Malling on Sunday afternoon.

The 46-year-old woman from Rochford, Essex, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash took place on the A20 at the

junction with Seven Mile Lane at 2.25pm.

The motorcyclist was riding with two other bikes in the direction of Wrotham Heath.

Police investigating the collision would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident on 01622 798538.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Roadside con artist alert

MOTORISTS are being urged not to fall victim to a car con artist who tricks drivers into parting with cash for fake gold jewellery.

The warning comes after a man was sold a fake gold ring and bracelet on June 26.

The victim was approached while in his car at traffic lights on London Road by a Turkish man who was waving down cars saying his black Mercedes, which was carrying his wife and child, had broken down.

The fraudster claimed he had no money to fix the car and offered a ring and bracelet to the victim in exchange for £40. Once he had the cash, the con artist got back in the car and drove off. The jewellery items were later found to be fake and not gold.

A police spokesman said: "Should anyone have information about this or a similar incident they are asked to contact police on 01795 419182 quoting CY/010200/10 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

## Not so Fab for Kent fans

ENGLAND boss Fabio Capello is fortunate that Kent's football fans are not his employer.

The Italian coach, who oversaw the national team's uninspiring World Cup campaign in South Africa, was told by the FA last week that he would remain in charge of the side.

But the county's football supporters voted online for Capello to be given the boot.

More than 60 per cent of those who responded to our latest online poll said Capello and his backroom staff should have been shown the door.

A total of 240 readers took part in the poll.

## Ram raid relations charged

A FATHER and son have been charged following a ram raid in which cigarettes were stolen.

Kevin John Pope, 53, of Maynards, Marden, and Daniel John Pope, 30, of Lesley Place, Maidstone, were arrested after a shop in Staplehurst was targeted earlier this year.

Pope Senior has been charged with handling stolen goods while Pope Junior has been charged with burglary and taking a vehicle without consent. They will both appear before Maidstone Magistrates Court for a plea and directions hearing on July 19.

The Staplehurst raid took place on Tuesday, June 22.

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# Grant holds off nerves to enjoy maiden speech

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**NEW** Maidstone MP Helen Grant has delivered her maiden speech in Parliament.

The Conservative MP, who won the Maidstone and the Weald seat in May's General Election, addressed the House of Commons for the first time last week.

Mrs Grant took the time to pay tribute to her predecessor, Ann Widdecombe, and went on to recognise the bravery and losses of Maidstone's 36 Engineer Regiment.

She also spoke about the need to nurture aspiration, strong family guidance and a culture of enterprise, which she said were key elements in her own upbringing, before ending by thanking her constituents.

After leaving the debate, Mrs Grant said: "I was certainly nervous but I really enjoyed it. I have asked several questions over the past couple of weeks, which helped me hear how my voice sounded in the Chamber, and that helped in my preparation."

"I am pleased to be off the mark now and I look forward to being able to engage fully in future debates."

Below are some of the topics the Tory MP covered in her opening speech.



**NEWCOMER:** MP Helen Grant addresses the House of Commons for the first time

## ANN WIDDECOMBE

"Paying tribute to my predecessor is a task I find easy. Ann Widdecombe was a high-profile and eminent MP who worked very hard for the people of Maidstone and The Weald."

"She is a woman of great integrity, honesty and sincerity, and a lady I am proud to call my friend. Ann has been one of our most colourful and controversial politicians, and I know that her pragmatic contributions will be sadly missed in this place."

"Happily, her clarion voice will continue to be heard in the media and beyond, and, on behalf of the House, I wish her well in her future endeavours."

## FORCES PRIDE

"In the north of the constituency, we have Maidstone, the county town of Kent, which is also the home of the 36 Engineer Regiment."

"I should like to pay tribute to the bravery of our engineers and to remember their losses in Afghanistan. May God bless them, their families and their loved ones."

"I must declare an interest in our armed services, as my eldest son, Ben, is at Royal Marine training in Devon."

"As a forces Mum, I am gaining an understanding of the tremendous pride that families feel, but also of the emotional rollercoaster they ride each day. I hope what I learn from my son's service will translate into something useful for our many military families."

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

"Our country is facing very difficult times. The House is debating an emergency Budget and the effects that it may have, but however we choose to rectify our financial position, we must strive to preserve the things that underpin our chances of success: aspiration, family and enterprise."

"I thank the House for listening to my speech, and thank the fine people of Maidstone and The Weald for electing me and sending me here."

## Widdy tight-lipped over Vatican job

FORMER Maidstone MP Ann Widdecombe has refused to make any comment on speculation she could become a British ambassador at the Vatican in Rome.

Ms Widdecombe famously turned her back on the Church of England to become a Catholic amid the controversy over women priests.

The former Home Office minister stood down as Maidstone's Conservative MP at the General Election, and has been at the centre of speculation ever since.

The current holder of the prestigious position, Francis Campbell, will leave the job following Pope Benedict XVI's first official visit to Britain this autumn.

When asked about the possibility of her taking the ambassadorship, she said: "There is nothing and there won't be for months, so you can all go back to sleep."

When asked if she would take



**NO COMMENT:** Anne Widdecombe would not be drawn on Vatican ambassador role

the job, she added: "I can't even answer that. I am keeping a diplomatic silence."

It has been claimed she has the backing of foreign secretary William Hague, who handed Ms Widdecombe the home affairs portfolio while he was party leader.

The Vatican must also approve the next ambassador and said no announcement will be made until later in the summer.

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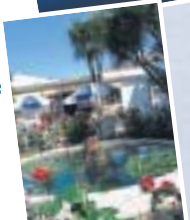
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LOIS GADD



**Q** What is your role at the brewery?

**A** Officially, I am company secretary and a director. In reality, I do all the jobs which aren't anything to do with the brewing side of the business. My daily tasks are book-keeping, ringing round for orders and preparing delivery runs. I am also responsible for paperwork.

**Q** Where is the brewery based?

**A** In a small industrial unit on the Pysons Road Industrial Estate. I normally enjoy a morning ride across the fields to get to work.

**Q** What is your favorite tipple and why?

**A** Gadd's No 3 because it's a beer I can enjoy at the end of the day with my husband Eddie over dinner, when the children are finally in bed. If I'm feeling nostalgic, I'll have a Dogbolter and be transported back to the Flounder and Firkin, in Holloway Road, Islington, where Eddie and I met.

**Q** Does location inspire your beer in any way?

**A** East Kent has definitely influenced the beers. Many have nautical themes and the summer seasonals are brewed to be drunk beside the seaside. The beers are Eddie's, as he has the ideas and develops recipes, but I know

he's proud of Thanet, and our brewery is named after the town in which it was born.

**Q** Why do you think people should have a pint of Gadd's rather than other beers?

**A** Beer is like food, in that you can taste the effort, care and attention that went into making a good pint. Staff at the brewery are passionate and dedicated to producing quality ale. With our wide selection, chances are you can find something that tickles your taste buds. The next reason I would hope people would drink our beers is the local angle. We use Kent hops, supporting the local economy.

**Q** You've won so many awards, is it still an honour?

**A** Always, as it's recognition of the quality we strive for. As most of our beer is sold directly to pubs we don't get a lot of contact with drinkers, so awards involving public voting are particularly valued. The brewing industry is growing in Kent so there'll be stiff competition in future – it's not a time to rest on our laurels.

**Q** What's the secret to producing good beer?

**A** You'd have to ask Eddie – I just enjoy the fruits of his labour – but he assures me a good deal of sampling of the beer, in a pub, is imperative.

**Q** Where do you source your ingredients?

**A** About 95 per cent of our hops are grown in Kent, either at Brooke Farm, Wingham, or near Canterbury. Malt is grown and malted in Wiltshire, but we're very hoping to have a local farmer grow the barley starting later this year. The water is from Thanet.

**Q** What can we expect in the coming years?

**A** More weird and wonderful brews, I hope. Eddie is the driving force on where we go next. I'm the boring one doing the paperwork and telling him how much he can spend.

**Q** What do you enjoy most about your job?

**A** The many compliments we receive from people who have tried and liked our beer.

**Q** What interests do you have away from work?

**A** We have two children, Summer, nine, and Stanley, five, who tie up a lot of my spare time. I help to run the Ramsgate branch of Woodcraft Folk, a national organisation which, in its own words, is 'an educational movement for children and young people, which aims to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, friendship, peace and co-operation'.

**Q & A**

Lois Gadd of the award-winning Ramsgate Brewery talks to **Tom Betts** about the secret of good ale, why sampling the beer in a pub is essential and why the brewery's Gadd's No 3 is her favourite tipple

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# Garden of future's harvest of ideas

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

STUDENTS at Hadlow College are looking to the future with their entry for the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

Designed and constructed by former and current students, Food 4 Thought is an innovative courtyard garden that takes food direct to the table. Visitors to the show, from Tuesday, July 6, to Sunday July 11, will get a glimpse of how the Garden of England might evolve.

The garden was designed by Hadlow College graduate Mandy Buckland, who now runs the award-winning garden and landscape design company, Greencube.

## Change

"The brief was to include apples, but we took it a step further and looked to climate change," she said. "What will we be growing in years to come? Will it be lemons? Farmers are adapting for change already."

Along with traditional Kentish crops such as apples and strawberries, the contemporary garden includes produce more commonly associated with the Mediterranean climate, such as lemons and peaches.

"There is water running down the walls and it symbolises the capture of water," said Ms Buckland. "It highlights the fact that water is a com-



**FERTILE GROUND:** Food for Thought garden

modity and it should be captured."

Lecturer and garden manager Brian Hawtin is also a Hadlow graduate and he explained more about the garden's vision.

He said: "The garden shows what we have grown in the past in Kent, what we grow now and what we might grow in the future."

One striking feature is a cantilevered table protruding from the wall, with ribbons of strawberries flowing down into the table itself.

"We are talking about field to fork meals," Mr Hawtin said. "You could be sitting eating your meal and when it comes to dessert time, there are the strawberries. This is all Kent produce so it can be grown in your garden."

All the plants have been grown at the college and the initial construction has been carried out by Mr Hawtin, along with seven students in

year two of the Garden Design course – Neil Brookson, James Craig, Adele Ford, Alick Nee, Susan Palmer, Susan Willmott and Claudia Vergari.

To create the garden's flooring, the students cut quartz paddlestones which fit into moveable trays, creating a portable structure which can be fitted together at Hampton Court Palace. The garden also features innovative 'food walls' planted with chillies, peppers and herbs, to make efficient use of a small space.

Speaking in May, when the build was in full swing, Mr Hawtin said: "What we are doing is assembling all the bits and pieces and adding things, to get as much built here as possible before going to Hampton Court Palace."

## Perfect

"We want the garden to be in a perfect state when the judges look at it. We need to get it all planted and plants can turn to the sun. That's the sort of detail the judges are looking for."

Exhibitors are given two weeks to put the garden together at the show site, so the team should be putting the finishing touches to Food 4 Thought this weekend.

But once the show is over, Food 4 Thought will not be thrown on the compost heap. The garden will return to the college as something for students to work on.

"Next year's project will be to redesign this garden," Mr Hawtin said.



**LOOKING TO FUTURE:** Designer Mandy Buckland of Greencube, left, with her team

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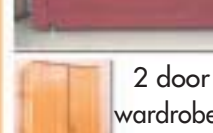
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# Justa's giant step forward for animal park newcomer

A NEWBORN elephant at Howletts wild animal park, near Canterbury, was lucky to survive after its mother started to turn on it.

Justa was becoming aggressive towards her first-born, leading to fears the calf would not survive.

Human intervention is rarely successful because the calf needs antibodies from its mother's milk to fight infections.

And it is even rarer for elephants to take back their young after being removed by humans.

But the keepers never gave up hope and after six weeks of coaxing not only has Justa accepted her calf – but so has the rest of the 15-strong herd.

Keepers say Justa is normally docile, which

meant staff could hand-feed the calf without separating mum and daughter.

The as yet unnamed calf was given a special milk formula by the team, who worked a rota that included 15-hour night shifts.

Over the first week, Justa gradually began to tolerate her calf, then responded to her and showed signs of maternal behaviour. Two weeks later the calf was beginning to feed from her mother.

Now at seven weeks the baby is enjoying life with the rest of the Howletts herd and delighted keepers at the Bekesbourne park have announced her arrival to the world.

The news comes as the park reflects on the 10th anniversary of the death of its founder, John Aspinall.



**NEW ARRIVAL:** Justa's baby survived its mother's original rejection and has now joined the Howletts herd

Picture: DAVE ROULFE

# Academies revolution on cards

MASSIVE upheaval in Kent's education system is on the cards after nearly 40 per cent of secondary schools expressed an interest in becoming academies.

Of the 157 secondaries in the county – including those run by the county council as well as Medway, Bromley and Bexley – more than 60 are considering breaking away from local authority control so they can manage their own budgets, curriculum and staffing levels.

## Registered

Primary schools are also being invited to become academies, and 53 of the 681 in Kent – or about eight per cent – have registered their interest with the Department for Education (DfE). The coalition Government had given headteachers until June 30 to put their names down, despite widespread concern the academies programme will leave those schools remaining under the remit of councils with less funding and a reduced ability to attract the best teachers.

Kent could see the first of the new breed of academies as early as September. Gravesham-based independent education adviser Peter Read is one of many who oppose the scheme. He said: "Most schools are looking at the short-term gain and the money for themselves with-

## ■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

out regard to the overall effect on schools in the county. The money has to come from somewhere and it can only come from other educational establishments who will be all the poorer for it. The best schools will also be able to offer higher salaries and will take the best teachers away from the schools that need them most.

"To do this without consultation and without the full facts is a disgrace, and I think the whole concept is divisive. And what happens if there's a Labour government next time? The rules will change again and the whole thing will end in tears."

Lord Hill, parliamentary undersecretary of state for schools, said: "Every school expressing an interest will have a named contact in the Department, who can answer their questions and guide them through the process. At the same time, we expect schools to keep their governors, staff and parents updated on progress.

"This is a genuinely permissive policy, there is no pressure for any school to convert by September, and they can do so at any time, when they feel they are ready. We want schools to decide what's best for them, not politicians or bureaucrats."

The DfE has published a list of 1,567 schools nationwide that have registered an interest in

becoming academies. The list includes 52 Kent schools rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted – the most in the country – as well as 66 that are not. Hartsdown Technology College in Margate is one of the "not outstanding" schools featured, but principal Andrew Somers said expressing an interest was not a declaration of intent.

"We're just looking at what's on offer really," he said. "There's not enough detail yet for us to decide whether we're going to do it or not."

"The number of schools in Kent that end up as academies could end up significantly less than the number that has registered an interest because we don't know whether it will be worth it or not in the long term."

## Challenge

"One of the downsides of becoming an academy is that you end up on your own and have to access all the support and pay for it yourself. But we're a National Challenge school and need all the help we can get."

"We've built up a really good relationship with Kent County Council and would have to think very carefully before jumping ship."

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter has urged headteachers to exercise "extreme caution" before agreeing to become academies because not enough information on the scheme had been released.

His sentiments were echoed by the National Grammar Schools Association, which warned

that under current proposals governors would not need to hold a parental ballot before turning their schools into comprehensives in the future.

Kent is already home to some 15 academies, all of which were developed to transform the fortunes of one or more schools that had been suffering from "extremely challenging circumstances".

However, the new academies will be different because even the best-performing schools in the county have been invited to sign up.

And while the existing academies are funded by a mix of public and corporate sponsorship, it is not yet clear where the money for the new breed will come from.

Paul Mortimer, principal of the Isle of Sheppey Academy which opened last September, warned that such a transformation will not be to every headteacher's tastes.

He said: "Academies are supposed to be innovative, so you can't apply to be one and then expect to be told what to do."

"Being the principal of an academy gives you a lot of freedom to make decisions in a different manner, but you have to be a strong enough person to live with them and to lead such an establishment."

"I'm sure a lot of the heads will be strong enough, but it won't be for everyone."

• For a full list of schools that have expressed an interest in becoming academies, see [www.education.gov.uk/academies/schools-registering-interest](http://www.education.gov.uk/academies/schools-registering-interest).



**EXPECTANT:** Mums-to-be and the elderly will be among those taking part in the personal health budget pilot

PREGNANT women and the elderly will be among those given NHS cash to spend on their own healthcare.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is one of eight primary care trusts in England chosen to pilot the 'personal health budget' scheme, which will see patients using a preloaded card to pay for the services they need.

Those signed up to the initiative will be handed budgeted care plans allowing them to buy treatments such as physiotherapy, or health aids such as specialised beds.

The pilot will run for three years and involve 75 patients from across Thanet, including the terminally ill, people with learning disabilities and mental health problems, and carers.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent acting chief executive David Meikle said: "Personal health budgets will help people feel in control of their care and able to make decisions about their treatment. This study and the support we are receiving from Kent County Council will enable us to explore new and innovative ways of giving greater patient choice, more personalised healthcare and improved health and well-being, all based on principles contained in the NHS constitution."

About 70 primary care trusts – including NHS Medway – are already involved in the personal health budget trial.

# Pilot scheme's patients will get personal health budget

However, the pilot announced on Monday by new care services minister Paul Burstow is different because the cash goes directly to the patient instead of being held by the trusts or a third party. The other trusts signed up are in Doncaster, Central London, Islington, Merseyside, Oxford, Somerset and West Sussex.

## Evaluated

Mr Burstow said: "There is strong evidence from the social care sector that direct payments help achieve better outcomes and give people more choice and control over the care they receive."

"They will not work for everyone or for all patient groups or services, but we want to identify whether, for whom, and how they could offer an opportunity to help achieve the best health and well-being outcomes."

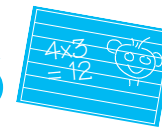
"That is why we are developing this pilot programme. It will stop healthcare from slipping back to the days of one-dimensional, like-it-or-lump-it services."

The study is being evaluated nationally by three research teams, including one from the University of Kent's personal social services research unit. Patients who sign up to the pilot will access services using the Kent Card, which social care recipients use to spend the money given to them by KCC.

The card is partially blocked to prevent cash withdrawals, and can only be used for certain types of care.

KCC adult social services director Oliver Mills said: "More than 900 people now use the Kent Card to buy their own care and support."

"Extending this unique innovation to healthcare will create a great opportunity to personalise healthcare."



SPECIAL GUESTS: MP Helen Grant with pupils

## MP takes pupils on Westminster tour

MORE than 60 pupils were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Houses of Parliament by MP Helen Grant.

The youngsters from Brunswick House Primary School in Maidstone youngsters also took part in an education workshop, followed by a Q&A session with the Maidstone and the Weald representative.

The Tory MP said: "It was great to see so many boys and girls in Westminster to see how Parliament works.

"They all seemed to have enjoyed their tour, as well as the workshop which explained the law-making process.

"Children were asked for ideas about new laws and two bold ideas sprang forth; one was to ban smoking and the other to ban school uniform, but somehow I don't think Parliament will pass either of those bills in a hurry!

"I also got the chance to answer some of their questions, which were just as interesting and thought-provoking.

"They were a wonderful group of children and I am now organising a return visit to Brunswick Primary School.

"I hope this has given them a welcome taste of our precious democracy."

# Artistic students get taste of future at college day

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RANGE of free hands-on workshops will be held at UCA Maidstone next weekend as part of the campus' annual children's art day.

Youngsters will be able to try their hand at activities such as television, photography, animation, sculpture, printing and book-making throughout the day.

Each hands-on workshop will be led by the university's expert tutors and will provide access to UCA's top-of-the-range, specialist facilities.

### Inspiring

Art day organiser, Annie Ross, said: "We want the young people of Kent to use us to see if they enjoy presenting or being a camera person for a television programme, animating their own short film, or sculpting a masterpiece.

"We hope that those who come and enjoy the day go home with a much better knowledge of the kind of subjects we have at UCA Maidstone, and that people in Higher Education are approachable, encouraging and inspiring."

Children's Art Day is a free event for young people aged between eight and 16.

Their parents or guardians are also invited to take part.

Workshops will take place between 10am-noon and 1.30-3.30pm with a free barbecue



WORKSHOPS: Young artists will be invited to make the most of the facilities at UCA Maidstone at the art day

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Children's Art Day is a national programme co-ordinated by the charity Engage, which will

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**PROTEST:** Joe Jones, vice chairman of the Gypsy Council, says travellers are sick of being pushed around

# Gypsy leader's fury over call for clampdown

A GYPSY leader has reacted angrily to town hall leaders' calls for a government clampdown on unlawful developments.

Last week a letter signed by all 13 of Kent's district and borough heads, including Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, was sent to the Government, calling for tougher penalties for people who build without planning permission.

The document makes a particular point about caravans and mobile homes, stating that current policy "weighs against what is acceptable and explainable" to the public.

However, Joe Jones – director of the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group and vice chairman of the international Gypsy Council – says local authorities are to blame for not providing adequate land to settle on.

## Framework

"At the end of the day we need provision," he said. "And if we're not going to get it from them then we're going to get it ourselves."

"All we want is somewhere we can call home. Okay, we can't stop everywhere, but asking for more laws is ridiculous."

"There's no point dogmatising and vilifying us for their failures. It's getting to the point where it's time for us to protest against the councils because we can't keep taking this on the chin."

"We're sick of being pushed from pillar to post. We're not animals, we're human beings."

Later this year the Government will publish its first national planning framework, which KCC leaders hope will tackle the issue of developments being built without plan-

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

ning permission. They are calling for the Con-Lib coalition to introduce a new offence that would result in deliberate offenders being forced to take down unlawful buildings, or fined according to the seriousness of the case.

Tonbridge and Malling leader Cllr Mark Worrall said: "Unlawful development can scar the countryside and is the bane of many villagers' lives."

"This simple piece of legislation would send a clear message that there is 'zero tolerance' for buildings put up without permission, and would give councils clearer and less encumbered powers to enforce the wishes of local people."

"Such a move would be particularly helpful in dealing with unauthorised caravans and mobile homes."

The letter signed by the council leaders was addressed to Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, who is also the new minister for planning policy at Communities and Local Government.

Mr Clark said: "The public want to see fair play – everyone being treated equally and even-handedly in the planning process."

"The new Government will tackle the real concerns about the current rules and guidance for planning decisions in relation to travellers' sites."

"We are working on proposals to strengthen the powers councils have to enforce against breaches of planning control and to tackle the abuse of retrospective planning permission."

## Pylon plans 'will scar landscape'

WINDFARMS and new sources of electricity in remote areas are generally viewed as good news for the environment, but they need cables to connect them to the National Grid.

And this week conservationists have greeted with dismay the news that a new chain of electricity pylons look set to blight Kent.

The National Grid wants to increase the network across the UK because there is a shortage of options to deliver power, but pressure group Protect Kent said there is an urgent need to move to electric cars, and to develop regional 'smart' electricity grids that can cope with renewable energy generation.

It said that from Romney Marsh to the North Downs near Gravesend, ranks of pylons are an industrial scar on Kent's landscape.

Protect Kent chairman, Richard Knox-Johnston said: "Given the choice most people would prefer underground cables."

National Grid says pylons cost £1.6m a mile, whereas underground cabling costs £20m, and that needs to be added to customers' bills.

However, Protect Kent said schemes for underground lines in Europe have shown that not only is the investment less, but that some of this outlay can be recouped as underground cables are more reliable.

The RSPB in Kent is also concerned. It said: "The most likely conservation issue for birds is impact if they are placed in a busy route for them. The construction of pylons would be subject to the usual planning process and any nature conservation impacts would be considered as part of that."

National Grid said this is the biggest expansion of electrical infrastructure in half a century and is needed to meet a surge in demand and to link up with wind farms and nuclear stations.



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## Now Play Away Floella becomes baroness

CHILDREN'S TV presenter Floella Benjamin has taken her seat in the House of Lords as a Lib Dem peer.

Her official title is Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham in Kent but she will be known as Baroness or Lady Benjamin.

The 60-year-old TV favourite, best known for

shows like Play Away, promised to spend "much energy on the well being of children and young people".

She has starred in the Doctor Who spin-off series The Sarah Jane Adventures, works with Action for Children and Barnardo's and is a cultural ambassador for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.



# your letters



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## YOUR LETTERS

### World suffers for man's debt and greed

Unfortunately millions like Steve Dawe are living in denial. (Yourmaidstone June 30.)

They also suffer from the, 'any-body else but me, or what I want', syndrome.

Thanks to the profligacy of the last NuLabour government, this country is over a trillion in debt and is having to borrow a pound in every four that it spends. Greece with similar debts is on the verge of collapse, together with Spain and Portugal.

Many other countries like America are also deeply in debt and in a parlous state. Which part of this extremely serious situation, don't these people understand?

Previous governments have found this 'tax the rich' attitude's a good vote puller, but doesn't work in practise and then find there's not enough of them to tax. The vast bulk of the tax take comes from the people in the middle and always will.

It's about time all the richer nations, who are never satisfied with what they have, continually putting their lives in hock to tomorrow, including governments as well as citizens, learned to live within their means.

Surely the Green Party understand this as the world suffers for mankind's insatiable greed.

It's time now we all paid for our overspending and stopped destroying the world to fund it.

Phil Granger, West Malling, by email

### Hadlow Cantagrians at County Show

Hadlow College is calling all past and present students to a special event during Kent County Show (July 16-18) celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Cantagrians Society.

A reception will be held on Sunday, July 18 from 12 noon until 1.30pm in the Hospitality Suite of the Kent Pavilion, which is situated in the centre of the showground.

The Cantagrians Society was set up in 1930 as a membership organisation for past students of the college. The society remains active and is looking forward to celebrating this unique occasion with existing and future members.

Hadlow College, by email

### Clay pigeon shooting to help the hospice

A Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot will be held at West Kent Shooting School to raise funds for The Friends of The Wisdom Hospice. The event is ideal for novice shooters, ladies and juniors.

The Clay Shoot will take place on Friday, August 6, 2010. Coffee and registration is at 9.30am and the day finishes with a prize-giving ceremony at 2.30pm.

## your blogger

Simon Robinson is left hot under the collar – not by the recent great weather, but by his bosses...



THIS weather we are having is intolerable. It's too hot, too humid and too distracting; constantly filling my mind with thoughts of shorts, sandals, seaside, beer, beer gardens and barbeques and other non-work, outdoor daydreams.

All of which makes my arduous daily task of making phone calls, sifting through emails, writing news stories and managing reporters somewhat of an arduous task.

The powers-that-be have made efforts to make my working life a little more bearable during this mini heatwave of ours.

I've kindly been provided with a small desktop fan, which is trained on my brow from mid morning to early evening, and our office's patio doors are inevitably opened at some point throughout the day to further aid the flow of fresh air into the newsroom.

But try as I might, when the sun starts shining and the temperature passes 25 degrees I can't seem to shake off a burning yet entirely irrational sense of injustice at being made to work on such a beautiful day in such stuffy circumstances.

This isn't your typical British 'it's too hot, it's too cold' moan at the weather, though.

No, my issue is with The Management.

It is inarguably too hot to work in these conditions.

We can't change the weather, but there are other vari-

ables we can alter. For instance, why don't we roll out a formal summer office wear range for men? Suits are out, shorts and flip-flops are in.

A free ice-cream coupon would also do wonders to improve weather-affected workers' morale.

Transport chiefs could also replace stuffy, overcrowded buses with those open-deck tourist guide models.

Or how about we just accept that productivity is bound to go down slightly on the rare occasions when it's hotter in this country than in Bermuda.

When your boss asks you for those reports/spreadsheets you said you'd have finished by noon, an acceptable response should be: "Look Sir, it's hotter than the sun in here. I'll get them to you by tomorrow."

All of these flawless suggestions would improve our daily working lives immeasurably.

And there are equivalents for the winter cold snap.

How about free hot water bottles? Mugs of hot chocolate? How about some grit on the roads? (On second thought, perhaps that last one's asking a little too much.)

We Brits aren't used to extreme temperatures. We are used to rain and darkness. It's what we're cut out for. If we want the sun or the snow we go on holiday.

That's the way it's always been and it's the way it should always remain.

So unless The Management can find a way to replace the unbearable summer sun and the ice-cold winter frost from Monday to Friday I suggest they take the above pointers on board.

Office shorts and flip flops are the way forward.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, **Simon Robinson**, on 01303 817185 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Maidstone blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk).

area of high-unemployment.

Who will look after their children when child care is so hard to come by and the government proposes to allow nurseries to charge 'top-up fees'?

Public sector workers face a wages freeze. Public sector pensioners will find their pension linked to a lower price index than previously.

Young people's training opportunities will be abolished so we face more unemployed young people lacking the skills required to enable them to get into jobs with long-term prospects.

Job Centres faced with closure forcing the unemployed to travel further to sign on and seek work.

Magistrates Courts closing so anyone who is facing a trial or giving evidence will have to wait longer to see justice done.

Kent councils are threatening many jobs cuts so our public sector workers will find themselves cast aside and their jobs handed to volunteers or done away with totally.

"Tough but fair?"

Jennifer Matterface, by email

### Can you spare time to make contact?

For many, the World Cup is an opportunity to get together with friends and family, sharing the highs and lows of the competition.

At this time, spare a thought for older people, many of whom see their TV as their only friend. One

in 10 say they are always lonely. This may be because they have no family or they may have lost a much-loved wife or husband. Mobility problems may mean they struggle to get outdoors, leading to little human contact for weeks on end. This can lead to loneliness, isolation and despair. But it doesn't have to be that way.

As an Organising Volunteer for Independent Age, the UK-wide charity which provides lifelong friendship, practical help and financial support to older people on very low incomes, your skills, ideas and enthusiasm could help brighten the lives of older people. You'll help us recruit and support our volunteer visitors, who visit the people we support in their homes, and provide vital human contact.

You will have the full support of your local Independent Age Area Manager and a friendly team, who will be on hand to help and advise you every step of the way.

This is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity for someone who has got some time to spare, is proactive, supportive and committed to making a positive difference to the lives of older people. It could enable you to develop new skills or make use of your professional skills in a voluntary capacity.

Allowing someone to share experiences, thoughts and memories – or simply popping over to share the emotion of a game – can make the difference from a bare existence to feeling valued and part of the community.

If you think you would be suited to becoming an Organising Volunteer and have about one day a fortnight to spare for Independent Age, contact Amanda Jupp, Area Manager for South East England on 01403 741 042 or email [Amanda.Jupp@independentage.org.uk](mailto:Amanda.Jupp@independentage.org.uk).

Amanda Jupp, Independent Age

### Witness the great rail fare robbery

Kent Green Party notes that the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond, is proposing to remove the current system which links rail fares to inflation.

We already have the highest rail fares in the world here in the UK. Proposed rail fare increases of six per cent for January 2011 could be increased to 10 per cent or more if the Government removes controls on rail fares.

We have previously seen how substantial fares for new High Speed rail services have resulted in low take up by rail travellers in Kent. If commuters despair of the ticket prices and take to the roads, then the traffic congestion, noise and air pollution in many Kent communities will obviously get worse.

We need an integrated approach to transport.

Rail fares should be cut, to increase passenger numbers and to help keep congestion and pollution down. Suggestions of delays to the delivery of new carriages should be abandoned.

Supporting increased rail use is a clear priority if the Government means what it says about reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Railways are not a sensible area for cuts.

Additional taxation is possible on cigarettes, alcohol and the highest incomes as examples and should have been achieved in the recent budget.

There is always an alternative to misdirected cuts in public spending and justifiable increased spending on the railway system is a clear example.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

### Not taxpayer's choice to pay compensation

Adam Wilkinson made a choice to move nearer to his home and leave his job, he knew how far it was back to Yorkshire when he took the job, he had no right to a compensation pay off or whatever they call this ridiculous and unjust payout of taxpayers' money. A nice £365,000 pay off. That is obscene.

It would have been a different matter if it was the choice of the council to terminate his position but it was his choice and we should not bear the brunt.

How dare they spend yet more taxpayers' money, it is no wonder the country is in the state it is.

If this is the type of decision made by our leader of KKC perhaps we should be looking for a new one.

C Russell, by email



# Author happy as Larry with his story so far

FIND out how you can be as happy as Larry with the new fundraising book by a Medway author.

After years of entertaining family and friends with witty anecdotes from his life and career, Larry Brooks decided to write down all his best stories in aid of a good cause.

With his self-published life story, *Happy as Larry*, he hopes to help other people achieve contentedness and will donate the profits to Demelza House children's hospice in Sittingbourne.

"Friends say that I'm a good storyteller, whether it is tales from childhood, school or university," Brooks, 63, said. "Our honeymoon was rather funny and lots of things happened at work and more recently.

"I try to entertain people with true life stories and they say, 'that's funny, you should write it down'. I also wanted to put a marker down for my grandchildren; I wanted to say, 'this is what I am about and what we are about'."

As well as exploring his own life and experiences, the retired IT worker from Rainham also charts the social and cultural events

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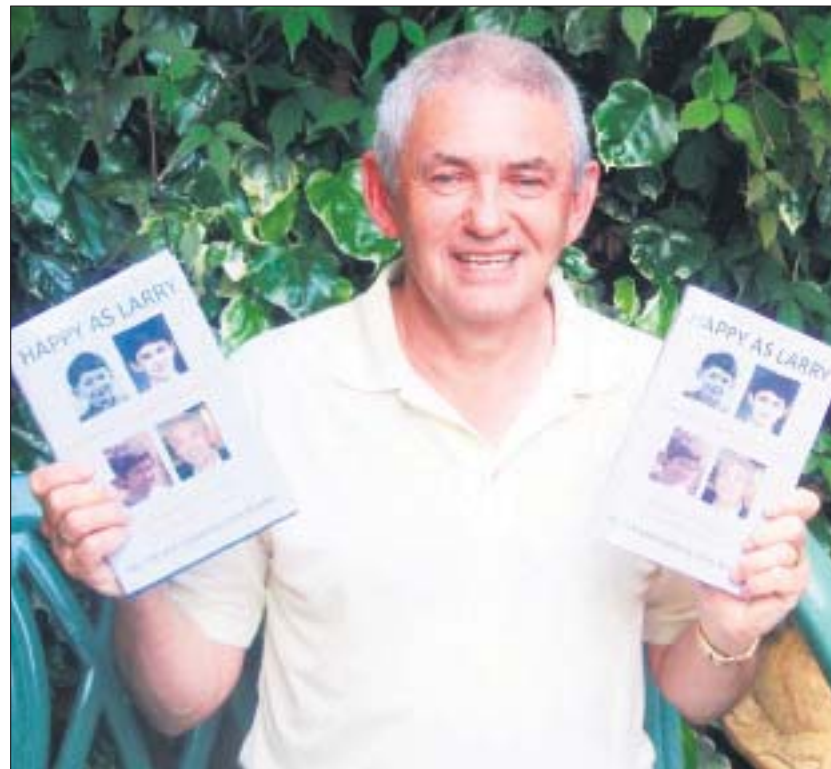
which have unfolded throughout his lifetime.

"It's a love story, as I've been married to Ruth for 42 years, but it's also very much a social history," he said. "I was in computing for more than 40 years and I've seen a lot of things from the beginning.

"There are chapters with music, sport, famous people I've met and the best advice I've ever had, mostly from my father. There are chapters on all sorts of things and what has gone on around me."

Although Brooks and his family have faced challenges like anyone else – such as family bereavements and the loss of someone close to them in the 7/7 London bombings – Brooks describes himself as "99 per cent happy" and hopes his book might help other people to discover the secret of happiness.

"That's what you ask everybody and it's what everyone wants, for themselves and their children," he said. "I think it's about looking for a way forward. However bad things might be, it's about thinking 'this has happened, but



**LIFE STORY:** Larry Brooks with his book, which he hopes will help raise money for Demelza House children's hospice

what should I do now?" I think it's also about meeting the right person, loving your job and being constructive."

Brooks already donates to Demelza House but decided to do more to help by donating the profits from his book to the children's charity.

"It's a very sad business that children there have terminal illnesses. My first memory is from when I was four and going into

hospital with my tonsils. The boy in the bed next to me was yellow and bald and I could tell there was something seriously wrong with him. In later years, I learned about cancer. It's a good cause and, being local, I can see the good it's doing."

• *Happy as Larry* is priced at £10 for paperback or £15 for hardback. To buy a copy email [larrybrooks2000@hotmail.com](mailto:larrybrooks2000@hotmail.com) or visit [www.happy-as-larry.com](http://www.happy-as-larry.com).

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**REBECCA** 45, 5ft 9ins, educated brunette, GSOH, seeks tall, intelligent, caring male with GSOH, 43-55 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379776

**VIVACIOUS** curvy brown eyed brunette, loving and affectionate would love to be pampered and spoilt by a tall, romantic male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334227

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**32YR** old black single mum, curvy, caring, honest, fun loving, likes nights in/out, seeks honest, adventurous, fun loving male, 35-45 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379506

**FEMALE** 46, slim, likes cooking, seeks tall, caring male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379498

**ANDREA** 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607

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## DAY & NIGHT

### Talk focuses on villages

FIND out how the Medway Valley has changed over the years with a talk by historian Dr Andrew Hann.

The talk will look at how the towns and villages have been depicted. It takes place at the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre in Strood at 2.30pm today. Tickets cost £5/£4. To book call 01634 332714.

### Discover Dickens' city

DISCOVER the inspiration behind Charles Dickens' Great Expectations with special events in Rochester.

There are talks about the novel's locations at the Guildhall Museum on Saturday. Tours of the churches of St Mary's in Higham and St James in Cooling will be held on Sunday. Tickets cost £15 for one day or £25 for both. To book call 01634 848717.

### World Cup sticker day

CELEBRATE World Cup Final day at a sticker-swapping event at St Matthew's Church Community Centre in Wigmore.

The World Cup Big Swap takes place from 2-4.30pm on Sunday, allowing enthusiasts to swap collectible stickers by Panini and Topps. Admission is free.

For details call 01634 372508 or email worldcupswap@hotmail.co.uk.

### Hear Donn and band

ENJOY an evening of live jazz with the Donn Barcott Band in Gillingham on Thursday.

The band performs at the 44Two Club in Featherby Road on the second Thursday of each month, from 8.30pm to 11pm. Refreshments are available. For more information call the Jazz Line on 01634 405037.

### Last chance to see art

ART lovers have a final chance to see major works by Janet Sturge before they are auctioned in September.

The exhibition, Retro-Active, is at the Maidstone Library Gallery until July 29. It features oil paintings, sculptures and prints, and is open from 9am to 6pm weekdays, 9am to 7pm on Thursdays and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

### Come in to the garden

POLKA Dot's summer project is blooming at the centre in Teynham.

A Garden of England can be seen at the London Road centre between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays. It will be on display until the end of October.

To find out more about the project and other events, visit [www.polkadotac.co.uk](http://www.polkadotac.co.uk) or call 01795 521167.

### Take part in Hairspray

YOUNG actors are invited to take part in a production of Hairspray at Chatham's Brook Theatre.

The Theatre Experience will lead a five-day workshop for ages eight to 16, from Monday, July 26 to Friday, July 30.

Fees start at £14. To find out more call 01634 338319 or book a place by calling 01634 338338.

# On your bike for weekend of fun

## BIKERADAR LIVE

Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11  
Brands Hatch, Longfield

FROM Sunday afternoon riders to adrenaline junkies, BikeRadar Live offers something for everyone this year.

Whether you are keen to grind some dirt off-road or simply enjoy riding with the family, there is plenty to see, do and enjoy at the two-day festival. Big names in mountain biking will be providing inspiration to get into the saddle and there will be the chance to see some awe-inspiring demonstrations of cycling skill.

Brands Hatch goes back to its roots when it hosts the country's ultimate bike festival this weekend. Now an iconic motorsport venue, the track was born in 1926 when land at Brands Hatch Farm became popular with cyclists. From its humble beginnings as a place for riders to take part in time trials, it developed into one of the world's most famous race tracks.

BikeRadar Live is packed with action on two wheels and visitors will have opportunities to really get involved in the fun. Last year's event at a different venue attracted 8,500 cyclists and their families and organisers expect even bigger crowds this year, as the festival has even more events lined up.

Viewing facilities will give the crowds a better look at the dual slalom and dirt jump events, while a thrilling sportive route will take riders through the North Downs. The Expo area offers an all-weather mountain bike loop, camping facilities and restaurants specifically for the competitors.

BikeRadar Live gives cycling enthusiasts the chance to see some of the world's top riders in action, including world champion Steve Peat and US legend Brian Lopes. The pair will go head-to-head in the dual slalom competition, a double demonstration of talent that should not be missed.

Other mountain biking stars due to appear include Scott Beaumont and Gee, Dan and Rachel Atherton, while top dirt jumpers will be keeping audiences on their toes with some breath-taking tricks and big air moves.

Anyone who fancies spinning the wheels can take part in the BHF Indy Track Ride, hosted by the British Heart Foundation. Riders of all abilities can try to complete as many laps of the Indy circuit as they can, with all entry fees going to the charity.

With all-weather stunt displays and a cycling film festival, there will be plenty to interest riders of all levels. There will also be live entertainment in the big top and music from a variety of bands.

Anyone looking for a new road or mountain bike can road test the latest models and there will be lots of special deals on bikes and accessories in the Expo area.

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biggest cycling magazines and websites put in an appearance, representing big names such as MBUK, Cycling Plus, ProCycling, What Mountain Bike, Triathlon Plus, BikeRadar.com and Cyclingnews.com.

Visitors can turn the show into a full weekend of entertainment by taking advantage of the camping facilities with a children's and

family area, along with a secure bike lock-up, bike wash, workshop, picnic area and more.

One day, weekend and family tickets are available, priced from £15 when bought in advance, and admission is free for children aged 12 and under. To find out more about BikeRadar Live and to book tickets, call 0871 230 1085 or visit [www.bikeradar.com/live](http://www.bikeradar.com/live).





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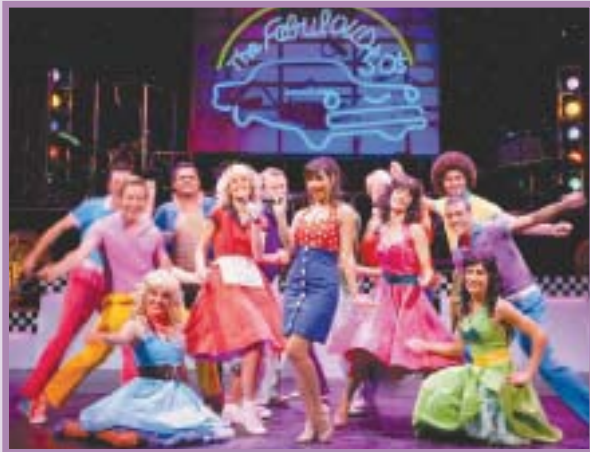


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## ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

Monday, July 19, to Wednesday July 21,  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

**MULTI-TALENTED** actress Roxanne Pallett stars in the toe-tapping musical, Rock Around the Clock.

Packed with rock 'n' roll classic hits, the show is a real trip down Memory Lane to a time when blue suede shoes, poodle skirts, quiffs and Teddy Boys were the height of fashion. With songs made famous by Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and other music legends, this is a love letter to the 1950s.

During her three-year stint on Emmerdale, Pallett dealt with demanding storylines about

domestic violence and was nominated for Best Actress and Sexiest Female awards.

Pallett chose the role of Jo Stiles in Emmerdale at the expense of a recording contract, but since then she has shown off her vocal talent on Soapstar Superstar and Celebrity Stars in Their Eyes. She has also competed in Dancing on Ice and appeared with Torvill and Dean on their Bolero Tour.

Tickets cost £21.50/£18.50. Book online at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01322 220000.



## LES PETITS CHANTEURS

Thursday, July 8, St Michael's Church, Sittingbourne

**BEAUTIFUL** voices from across the Channel can be heard in Swale when a very special choir performs.

Les Petits Chanteurs de Saint Andre de Colmar are giving just two concerts in Kent. Thursday's concert will feature works by Mendelssohn and Faure, along with gospel and African songs, plus guest alto Nathalie Schneider.

Aged between seven and 25, the 45 choristers from northern France undergo a demanding schedule of musical training, with rehearsals twice a week and frequent tours, which have

taken them as far afield as the USA and Canada. The choir is part of International Pueri Cantores Federation and performs a wide range of uplifting and stimulating music.

For Thursday's concert, the choir will be conducted by Guillaume Burgmeier and accompanied by organist Jean-Louis Thomas.

Proceeds will be donated to the church's £120,000 roof appeal. The concerts start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £7 in advance or £8 on the door. To book call David Cummings on 07880 870454 or 01795 410177.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Monday, July 12, Cranbrook School, Cranbrook

**CONFUSION** reigns in the open air as two gentlemen discover The Importance of Being Earnest.

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy will be performed in an outdoor setting by Rain or Shine Theatre Company next week. If the weather is bad, the show will be performed in the Queen's Hall Theatre.

Having two identities seems to work well for Jack, who behaves as a pillar of society while living in the country with his ward. He tells her stories about his libertine brother who lives in the city, but 'Ernest' is a cover for his own revelries.

When he decides to propose to Gwendolen, he is forced to confess his secret to her cousin, Algernon, who likes the sound of Jack's ward. But chaos ensues when Algernon visits the house claiming to be Ernest, not knowing that Jack has decided to kill off his alter ego.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£12 for adults, £7.50 for children and £40 for families. Book at [www.queenshalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.queenshalltheatre.co.uk), [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk) or call 01580 711856.



## WHAT'S FOR PUDDING/STAGE FRIGHT

Saturday, July 10, Cleave Warne Hall, Birstal

A **DOUBLE** bill of entertainment is on offer as Alternate Shadows Theatre Group presents a pair of one-act plays.

An ordinary Saturday night at home takes unexpected turns for Jack and Mary, when their neighbours gate-crash their boring evening in David Tristram's comedy, What's For Pudding. They are joined by another couple, Ted and Maureen, and the slightly odd Dennis, who just wants to order trousers from Mary's catalogue. But with so many opinions in one room, the boring Saturday night starts to get a bit out of hand.

The second play is an original drama by Owen Beesley and is sure to send shivers up the audience's spines. Stage Fright tells of an all-female group of ghost hunters who decide to find out if there are any spirits in a disused theatre. But spending the night in the creepy building could reveal some dark and dangerous secrets in this gripping and scary play.

The performance starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6, concessions available. To book call the box office on 01634 311387. Find out more about the group online at [www.alternate-shadows.co.uk](http://www.alternate-shadows.co.uk).



## KENT SALSA FESTIVAL

Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11,  
The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood



**GET** ready to dance as the UK's biggest salsa festival shimmies its way to Kent this weekend.

The Kent Salsa Festival features performances by talented dancers and three party nights, while also giving novices the chance to move their hips and learn how to impress on the dance floor.

Professional instructors will lead workshops on popular dances such as salsa, merengue, cha cha and bachata. On Friday, The Band With No Name will open the festival with a performance of old and new cover versions from 7pm, followed by music from guest DJs.

Saturday night will be all about the glitz and glamour at the Hollywood Legends party, where entertainment includes a performance by one of the country's best Bhangra dance troupes.

The festival ends on Sunday with a grand finale, which features appearances by Hoe Down and Soul Train, along with Coleen Daniels and Miriam Oppel (pictured).

Tickets cost £105 for the full weekend, £90 for two days and £50/£25 for one day. Camping is also available. For more information visit [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk).





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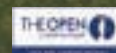
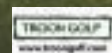
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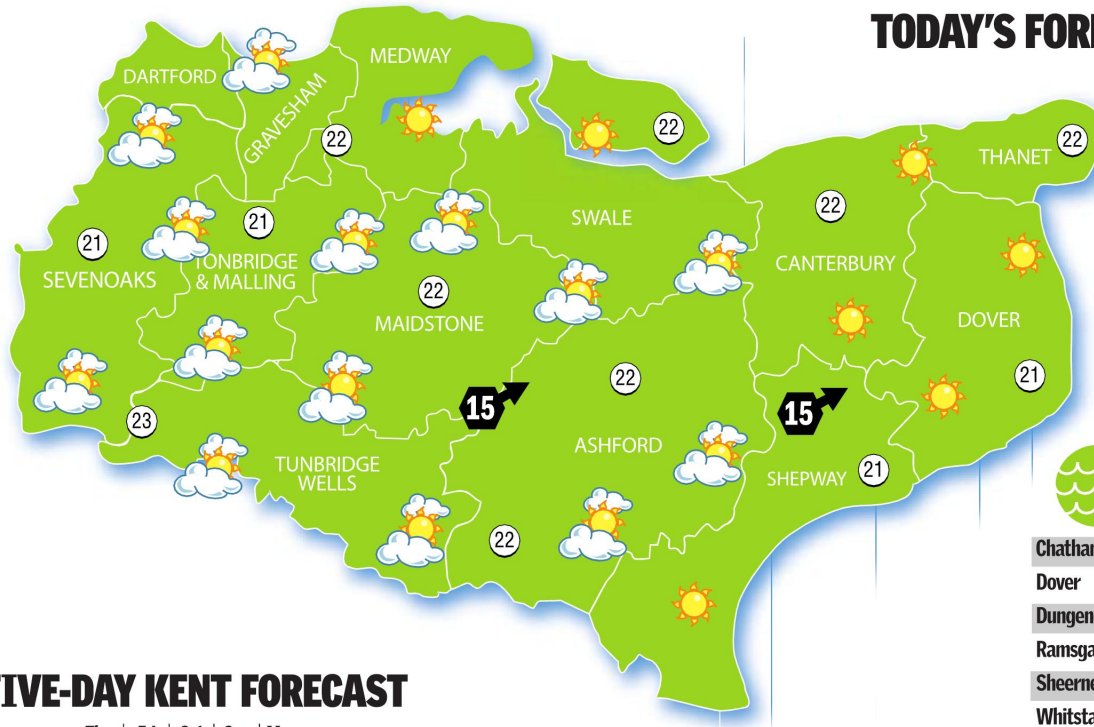
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<b>Cardiff</b>	19°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	29°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	26°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	16°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	35°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	26°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	25°C	<b>Wellington</b>	11°C

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<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	10:33am 6.1m	Sunday	11:23am 6.4m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	10:41am 6.8m	Sunday	11:28am 7.2m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	11:03am 4.6m	Sunday	11:53am 4.9m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	12:10pm 5.4m	Sunday	1:02pm 5.6m
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Chatham	21°C	22°C	22°C	23°C	24°C	Folkestone	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	21°C	Ramsgate	20°C	22°C	23°C	24°C	24°C	Tonbridge	22°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	25°C		MOONRISE	12.41am	MOONSET	5.06pm	
Dartford	23°C	24°C	24°C	25°C	26°C	Gillingham	21°C	22°C	22°C	23°C	24°C	Rochester	21°C	22°C	22°C	23°C	24°C	Tun Wells	22°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	25°C						

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SOAP star Roxanne Pallett is to star in the American jukebox musical *Rock Around The Clock* at The Orchard from Monday 19 to Wednesday, July 21.

The show shake, rattle and rolls all the way back to the fantastic 1950s to the time of Teddy Boys, quiffs, Brylcreem, poodle skirts and blue suede shoes. It features a non-stop hit parade of rock and roll classics, including Great Balls of Fire, Jail House Rock, Blueberry Hill, Shake Rattle and Roll, Good Golly Miss Molly, Johnny B. Goode and many more, made famous by Buddy Holly, Bill Haley and His Comets, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Elvis Presley, The Platters and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Roxanne Pallett turned down a pop record deal when she won the part of Jo Stiles in *Emmerdale* that launched her as one of the nation's most loved soap stars.

With nominations for Best Actress, Sexiest

Female and Best Storyline for her agonising role of femme-fatale-turned-battered-wife, she proved to be more than just a pin-up.

Roxanne showcased her vocal talent on ITV's *Soapstar Superstar* and was the winner of *Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes*, singing as Gloria Estefan. She recently starred on ITV1's *Dancing on Ice*, then joined *Torvill and Dean* on their 25th anniversary *Bolero*



Tour. Roxanne has just completed her first Hollywood film, *Lake Placid 3*.

KOS Media Publishing has seven pairs of tickets to giveaway to see *Rock Around The Clock*.

To enter, answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Rock Around The Clock Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is July 10, 2010.

**Question: Which *Emmerdale* actress is starring in *Rock Around The Clock*?**

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*Rock Around The Clock* tickets are £18.50 on Monday and £21.50 on Tuesday and Wednesday performances. To book please call the Ticket Office on 01322 220000 or visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).



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# Frank Capra meets Walt Disney to inspire Shrek's final chapter

■ BY DAMON SMITH

THE fourth and final instalment of the computer-animated series puts a fairy-tale spin on It's A Wonderful Life, but Shrek Forever After lacks the heartfelt emotion of Frank Capra's 1946 classic.

The adventures of the jolly green ogre have been on a steady decline since the wildly imaginative 2001 original film, so it is to director Mike Mitchell's credit that this picture is arguably the best of the sequels.

Still, his film relies heavily on the love we have invested in the characters and their fates, and revisits many familiar faces from earlier chapters, including Pinocchio, Gingerbread Man and the Three Little Pigs.

Moreover, Mitchell steals shamelessly from Disney's Beauty And The Beast for his finale.

If you are going to borrow, it may as well be from the best.

Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is suffering mid-life angst with mewling kids and his beautiful and pungent wife, Fiona (Cameron Diaz). Villagers are no longer scared of him and the ogre begins to wonder if life holds any more surprises.

"Shrek, you have three beautiful children, a wife who loves you, friends who adore you. Why is it that you're the only person who can't see that?" implores Fiona sadly.

In his hour of desperation, Shrek meets the conniving Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn), who offers a tantalising deal: he will gift Shrek one whole day as a scary ogre, just like before, if the father agrees to sign away one day of his childhood.

Shrek agrees to the Faustian pact, blind to Rumpelstiltskin's devious plan: to erase the day that Shrek was born and thereby alter the future.

Suddenly, Shrek finds himself in an alternate universe where Fiona is the leader of an underground movement of ogres, good friend Donkey (Eddie Murphy) no longer recognises



**MID-LIFE ANGST:** Shrek finds himself tempted by Rumpelstiltskin, and right, Puss in Boots has let himself go a little

him and legendary assassin Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) has piled on the pounds to become a lazy house cat.

Indeed, he no longer answers to his heroic monicker. "That is a name I have outgrown," he purrs.

"That's not the only thing you've outgrown," quips Shrek, staring at the feline's bulging belly.

In order to win back Fiona's love, Shrek must join forces with Donkey and Puss to break the pact before the sands in Rumpelstiltskin's oversized hourglass run out.

Shrek Forever After brings the long-running saga to a lively close, reminding each of the characters about the love and friendship

which bind them together.

Dohrn's pint-sized, snivelling villain is a colourful addition to the cast and he brings some much-needed vim to proceedings.

Murphy is subdued – not that he has a great deal of screen time for his usual scene-stealing antics.

The 3D version exploits the eye-popping format during the chase sequences, but Mitchell's film loses nothing in 2D and children won't have the added distraction of the oversized plastic spectacles.

**SHREK FOREVER AFTER**   
Certificate PG



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**PIERS MORGAN ON ...** ITV1, 8pm, Tuesday  
**THE REAL DAD'S ARMY:** More4, 7pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

PIERS Morgan is probably one of the most hated men in Britain.

That's not a nice thing to write, but he does seem to be terribly disliked, although I've never quite figured out why.

Perhaps he's a little pompous, but then again so is Simon Cowell and he seems to be the nation's sweet-heart these days and is just as influential as anyone in the country.

Piers Morgan on Fire, or Piers Morgan on the Rack might be preferable programme titles for many, but when he's not playing the plummy-voiced brayer on Britain's Got Talent, Morgan is not actually as obnoxious as you might think.

Still, ITV's decision to give the man a regular show, taking a look at whatever he seems to fancy is an interesting one.

Never one to shy away from an

awkward question, he travels far and wide to see what makes a place tick.

In short, he's trying to do a Clive James by getting under the skin of those he visits a little, hoping to expose something new for us viewers.

This week the man himself is looking at Las Vegas and Dubai, two places which share many similarities but also many differences.

WORLD War II has been very much in the news of late, with the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuations especially noteworthy.

But what would have happened if the Nazis had crossed the channel as many at the time feared and expected? Would Britain have crumbled with a desperate lack of real soldiers

to defend our island?

Probably, is the answer to that, but the greengrocers, bank clerks and butchers of Britain were ready to meet them head-on, even if that meant pitting teenagers on bicycles against Panzer tanks.

For anyone who likes Dad's Army, this is essential viewing, and as many of those who were actually involved are still alive to tell the tale, we're treated to some excellent first-hand accounts.

It may be true that the Home Guard, which they became known as, would have been crushed, but could well have put up more of a fight than has been parodied.

Taking in the daft, the brave, and the downright silly, The Real Dad's Army looks at the weaponry, training and undoubted spirit that was displayed on these shores.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Auris drives straight into first 'green' award

TOYOTA'S new petrol-electric Auris Hybrid has just launched and scooped its first award – WhatGreenCar Car of the Year 2010.

The low emission/road tax exempt British-built Auris Hybrid – capable of averaging more than 70mpg – beat 10 other green car finalists and [www.whatgreencar.com](http://www.whatgreencar.com) editor Dr Ben Lane, said the judging panel not only liked the car's superior drive and state-of-the-art driver control, but its 'normal' looks, in contrast to Toyota's bigger and more futuristic Prius.



### Suzuki's Grand Vitara loses its 'chunky' looks

SUZUKI has cleaned-up its three and five-door Grand Vitara 4x4.

It retains its genuine off-road ability with high and low gear ratios but, no doubt mindful of the threat from more cleanly styled crossovers like the Nissan Qashqai, the Japanese marque has toned down the Vitara's 'funky chunky' lines, notably by removal of the tailgate mounted spare wheel, which gives way to a tyre repair sealant and pump.

Suzuki is also retaining a zero per cent finance deal until the end of September.



### Renault is putting the Wind up crop top rivals

LOOKING like a Lotus Elise, but very much cheaper, Renault has revitalised the junior convertible sector of the market with the newly-arrived Wind Roadster.

It features an electrically-operated hardtop, which opens in just 12 seconds and does not affect boot space, unlike obvious rivals like the Peugeot 207CC and Vauxhall Tigra. The new coupé-roadster is built on the same platform as the Clio II Renaultsport hot hatch and well suited to two lively petrol engines – a 100bhp 1.2 and 133bhp 1.6 VVT Wind.



**STANDOUT:** Honda used the catchline 'not all 4x4s are the same' when they launched the new CR-V, but despite a revamp and improved emissions it still costs more than £29,000

## 'Whispering diesel' proof not all 4x4s are the same

HONDA'S latest CR-V stands apart from its bluff pseudo off-roader predecessors.

It's also far cleaner and more economical than 4x4 monsters that gave that sector a bad name. No wonder the Japanese marque launched this CR-V using the line 'not all 4x4s are the same'.

However, it is no longer the best-looking alternative and far from the cheapest, even though UK production at Swindon ought to make it less prone to the weakness of the pound, which is inflating new car prices here.

On the other hand, it is a marvellous package benefiting from a revamp bringing minimal cosmetic changes, but delivering an extra 10bhp and improved emissions quality from Honda's excellent 2.2-litre diesel – the so-called 'whispering diesel' – and CR-V best-seller by far.

It whispers even more now; only flooring the throttle will make the unit clatter, but it mostly delivers power freely and quietly.

For many would-be buyers though it is a new smooth-changing five-speed auto diesel option – at last – that will be most welcome.

Unfortunately, at £1,370, it is not cheap and

## ROAD TEST HONDA CR-V

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

lacks the manual selection option expected on new generation auto 'boxes'.

This is a shame because the CR-V chassis is well-tuned to press on driving; some may find the ride quality firm, but it gives this relatively big and high-riding car great tenacity and very little body roll on the bends.

Interior fittings are upmarket and comfort levels excellent too, with good lateral support on the front seats, plus adjustable armrests and there is plenty of stowage, including a separate dashboard compartment with USB link for your iPod/iPhone or MP3 player.

Rear passengers are well catered for, with lots of legroom and a completely flat floor.

The 60/40 split/folding rear seats can also be adjusted fore and aft and raked back for greater comfort on long journeys and adjustment of child seats.

However, ultimate boot space is hampered by the rear being pinched for height and width and roof lining encroachment at the sides.

Our EX flagship test car also costs more than £29,000 with that pricey auto 'box', but it did groan beneath the weight of add-ons, so just look beyond the CR-V pricing – not all 4x4s are the same.



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2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	1,266	9,495
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	5,150	9,495
2010	59	Agila Design	1.2	5	Lemon grass	2,790	8,995

#### ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	05*	Astra Sri Ex Pack	2.0	3	Black sapphire	22,250	7,995
2006	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,750
2007	07	Astra Design Auto Estate	1.8	5	Silver lightening	22,190	7,495
2007	07	Astra Sri Sports hatch X pack16 TBO	2.0	3	Flame red	29,810	9,995
2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	25,000	13,995
2007	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,795
2008	08	Astra Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Star silver	22,200	9,695
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,695
2008	08	Astra Sri X Pack	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,575	9,995
2008	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,995
2009	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	12,625	9,995
2009	09	Astra Club	1.4	5	Silver lightening	18,218	8,995
2009	09	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,710	14,995
2009	09	Astra Active	1.4	5	Black sapphire	9,650	9,995
2009	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	10,495
2009	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,995
2009	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	16,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	1.9D	5	Power red	8,000	13,495
2009	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	4,960	10,995
2009	59	New Astra Exclusiv CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	6,450	14,995
2009	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	3,990	10,995

#### CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2004	04*	Corssa Design	1.2	5	Star silver	63,890	3,995
2006	56	Corssa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Flame red	38,450	7,495
2007	07	Corssa Design	1.2	3	Metro blue	20,655	7,195
2008	07	Corssa Club	1.2	5	Flame red	27,810	6,795
2007	57	Corssa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
2008	58	Corssa Active	1.2	3	Black sapphire	7,030	7,995
2009	09	Corssa Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
2009	09	Corssa Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Metro blue	19,970	8,995
2009	59	Corssa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,600	9,495
2009	59	Corssa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995
2009	59	Corssa Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	9,995
2009	59	Corssa Club CDTi	1.3D	3	Metro blue	6,480	9,995

2009	59	Corssa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495
2009	59	Corssa Sxi A/c X pack	1.4	3	Black sapphire	10,150	11,495
2009	59	Corssa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Air blue	7,850	9,395
2009	59	Corssa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	4,450	10,495
2009	59	Corssa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2008	58	Insignia Sri	1.8	5	Black sapphire	12,625	12,995
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
2009	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995
2009	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	16,995
2005	55	Signum Elite	2.2	5	Star silver	58,800	5,995

#### ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2008	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
2009	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey		18,995

#### MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	06	Meriva Design E/T	1.6	5	Metro blue	33,225	6,495
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	1.4	5	Steel blue	19,730	5,995
2009	09	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Metro blue	8,320	8,995

#### VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	07*	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv +	1.9D	5	Silver lightening	88,375	5,995
2008	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,795

#### ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	05*	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,495
2008	57	Zafira Breeze	1.6	5	Star silver	12,630	8,495
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995
2009	59	Zafira Active CDTi+	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	2,880	14,495
2009	59	Zafira Design CDTi	1.9	5	Panacotta	2,200	16,995
2009	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,995

#### OTHERS

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2002	02*	MG ZR	1.4	3	Red	70,250	2,995
2005	05*	Ford Focus Auto LX	1.6	5	Blue	50,000	5,995
2005	55*	Peugeot 206 Zest	1.1	5	Metallic blue	41,170	4,495
2004	54*	Ford Focus LX	1.6	5	Star silver	4,5780	4,995
2006	56*	Nissan SVE Note	1.6	5	Grey	25,225	5,995
2006	06*	Renault Kangoo DCi	1.6	5	Blue	25,000	7,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2008	08	Corsavan Sportive	1.3D	3	Star silver	55,350	4,995
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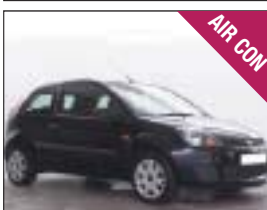
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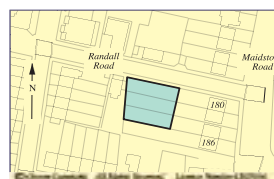
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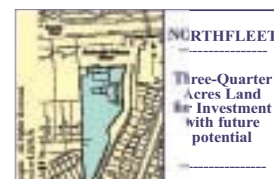
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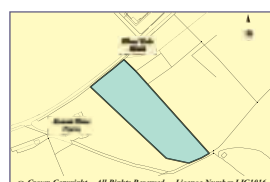
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**Closing date 11th July 2010**



# Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following areas:

## Lecturer in Electrical Installation

**Ref: P0357**

**Salary: £28,463 - £32,251 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Medway**

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to deliver Electrical Installation to learners studying from level 1 to level 3. The successful candidate will contribute to the development, delivery and teaching of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must have a current knowledge and practical experience of the Building Services Industry, have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in the relevant field. The successful candidate must have; an Advanced Craft Certificate, including Inspection and testing of Installations and possess either a D32/34 or A & V Awards and hold a recognised teaching qualification or be willing to work towards one. Good IT skills and the ability to work within a team are essential.

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**Hourly paid roles also available Maidstone/Medway**

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**CLOSING DATE: Friday 16 July 2010**

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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent Regional Championship East

The Mote 3rd XI v Yalding 1st XI

YALDING boosted their Kent Regional League Championship East title hopes with a comprehensive 98-run win against neighbours The Mote 3rd XI.

The visitors were put into bat first after losing the toss and struggled from the outset as they lost their opening three batsmen with just 25 on the scoreboard. Matthew Thomas (12) was bowled by Chris Bunday, while Paul Usher grabbed the wickets of Anthony Shepherd (3) and Marty Hollis (10).

Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and it was only Joel Shopland (27), Jumshad Haider (39) and Muhammed Rafiq (35), who managed to prevent Yalding from collapsing to a low score.

With 198 to defend, Yalding knew their bowlers would have to strike early to disrupt The Mote's run chase and they didn't disappoint.

Haider came out of the blocks quickly and took the wickets of openers Norman Ali and Jason White to put them on the back foot.

Nick Waite tried to shore up the innings with an impressive 56, which was the best individual batting performance in the entire game. Waite eventually fell to the bowling of James Fenn and his departure signaled the start of The Mote's innings collapse.

Haider struck on five more occasions as he single-handedly ripped through the hosts batting line up to finish with outstanding figures of 7 for 22. He then ran out Bunday to take the final wicket and dismiss The Mote for 100.

The victory moves Yalding up to fourth in the division while The Mote 3rd XI remain at the bottom of the table.

Yalding bowlers give title hopes big boost



YOU MISS I HIT: This Yalding batsman looks set to take a delivery off middle stump in Saturday's win at The Mote

SCORE CARD

Yalding 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew Thomas ct White b Bunday	12
Anthony Shepherd b Usher	3
Marty Hollis b Usher	10
Joel Shopland ct Clough b Usher	27
Mohammad Waseem ct Usher b Bunday	10
James Fenn b Clough	8
Jumshad Haider b Taylor	39
Muhammed Rafiq not out	35
Dushyanth Gnanapragasam ct Usher b Kumar	14
Luke Anderson not out	17
Andrew Anderson did not bat	
Extras (5b 2lb 16w)	23
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)	198

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Paul Usher	10	2	26	3
Kieran Kumar	11	0	45	1
Chris Bunday	7	0	25	2
Chris Feltham	9	0	63	0
Chester Clough	2	0	20	1
Dan Taylor	7	0	12	1

The Mote 3rd XI

	Runs
Norman Ali b Haider	0
Jason White ct & b Haider	2
Nick Waite ct Hollis b Fenn	56
Richard Usher ct Shepherd b Haider	3
James Higgins ct Thomas b Haider	2
Chester Clough lbw b Haider	4
Dan Taylor b Haider	2
Chris Feltham ct Hollis b Waseem	2
Kieran Kumar lbw b Haider	3
Chris Bunday run out Haider	18
Paul Usher not out	3
Extras (1b 2w 2nb)	5
Total (all out , 40.4 overs)	100

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jumshad Haider	12	3	22	7
Muhammed Rafiq	9	3	22	0
Mohammad Waseem	7	2	21	1
Anthony Shepherd	5	0	8	0
Dushyanth Gnanapragasam	1	1	0	0
James Fenn	3	0	13	1
Andrew Anderson	34	0	13	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Bickley Park 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

AN IMPRESSIVE century from James Hodgson helped steer The Mote to a comfortable 95-run win against lowly Bickley Park.

The Mote batted firstand looked to be in trouble after losing Matthew White (6) and skipper Thomas Harvey (23) early on. However, Hodgson steadied the ship by scoring 127 off 146 balls as the visitors went on to post 241 for 6.

Bickley started their run chase well with Richard Clinton hitting a quick-fire 64, but wickets soon fell, leaving Park in trouble. The hosts were eventually bowled out for 146, with Harvey finishing with figures of 5 for 23.

The Mote 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew White	6
Thomas Harvey	23
James Hodgson	127
James Marriott	21
Daniel Thirkell	35
Richard Coles	0
Chris Back	18
Tom Parsons	4
Laurence Waters	0
Alex Fordham	0
Kenny George	0
Extras	7
Total	241

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Barry Hooper	13	5	27	1
Richard Horner	12	0	67	0
Phil Browning	15	2	72	2
Michael Ridley	15	1	70	3

Bickley Park 1st XI

	Runs
Richard Clinton	64
Paul Clinton	15
James Lincoln	3
Alex Darroch	13
Chris Coulson	18
Simon McLaniphy	0
Phil Browning	0
Barry Hooper	2
Michael Ridley	8
David Voisey	0
Richard Horner	4
Extras	19
Total	146

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Kenny George	13	4	38	1
Tom Parsons	15	4	52	1
Laurence Waters	1	0	11	0
Thomas Harvey	14	5	23	5
James Hodgson	9	2	11	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Bromley Common 1st XI v Addington Village 1st XI

WILL Jeffery's knock of 79 helped Addington Village extend their lead at the top of Division Three with a six-wicket win at Bromley Common.

Bromley batted first and scored a competitive 223 for 9 from their 50 overs. Lee Hall's unbeaten 62 was the highlight of the innings.

Despite a reasonably large total to chase, Addington, with the help of Jeffery's 79 and half-centuries from Joe Pigott (51) and Ray Van Schoor (52), made light work of the challenge and cruised to victory inside 37 overs.

Bromley Common 1st XI

	Runs
Leigh Walker	4
Rob Williams	28
Anthony Lewis	43
Jay Mannall	16
Michael Armenakis	10
Lee Hall	62
Sam Archer	1
Jamie Walker	6
Ben Cole	12
Jack Kirby	3
Matt Walker	8
Extras	30
Total	223

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Joe Pigott	9	2	48	1
Tom Nissen	9	1	40	1
Dan Walton	15	3	59	4
Ray Van Schoor	15	2	40	3
Ben Buet	3	0	21	0

Addington Village 1st XI

	Runs
Mark Rimmer	14
Will Jeffery	79
Joe Pigott	51
Ray Van Schoor	52
Ben Buet	0
Tom Down	12
Tom Nissen	0
Ross McDermott	0
William Coffin	0
Erik Astrom	0
Dan Walton	16
Extras	16
Total	224

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Jamie Walker	9	1	51	0
Jack Kirby	3	0	33	0
Anthony Lewis	71	0	52	3
Lee Hall	8	1	41	0
Rob Williams	2	0	8	0
Matt Walker	3	0	16	0
Jay Mannall	4	2	12	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Bromley Town 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

OFFHAM slipped closer to the bottom two in Division Five after a three-wicket defeat at Bromley Town.

Tom Gittings (48) started Offham's innings brightly and he was helped by Ben Gittings (40), but run scoring proved to be a difficult task as Offham reached 171 after 50 overs.

Bromley Town also struggled to settle into a rhythm and Ian Ferrier (67) was the only man to provide any resistance to Offham's bowlers. Simon Halbrook led the attack and his six wickets seemed to steer the visitors towards a win, but a strong batting display from Bromley's tail denied them.

Offham 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Gittings	48
Kraig Corke	26
Gary Evans	2
Ben Gittings	40
Graham Razez	0
Adam Kent	13
Leonard Watt	18
Mervyn Brooker	7
Ben Rogers	5
Daniel Kent	0
Simon Halbrook	0
Extras	12
Total	171

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
William Goodyear	12	4	32	0
Ian Porter	9	2	23	0
Alex Taylor	15	2	58	6
Luke Loverage	9	1	26	1
Matt Twose	4	1	19	0
Lewis Dicker	1	0	4	0

Bromley Town 1st XI

	Runs
Paul Slamon	8
Ian Ferrier	67
Lewis Dicker	0
William Goodyear	0
Alex Taylor	4
David Scorer	0
Thomas Smith	26
Matt Twose	35
Michael Slamon	25
Luke Loverage	0
Ian Porter	0
Extras	7
Total	172

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	13.5	0	68	0
Simon Halbrook	13	1	57	6
Graham Razez	6	0	28	0
Mervyn Brooker	6	0	15	1
Ben Gittings	1	0	3	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A WEST

Leybourne 1st XI v Blue Star 1st XI

LEYBOURNE fell 12 runs short of victory against Blue Star at the weekend.

Blue Star were put into bat first and scored 233 for 4 which was centred around an invaluable knock of 90 from Michael Peters and 54 from Chris Holman.

Leybourne looked to be heading for a heavy defeat after a slow start to their reply. However, Ashley Ulph's 25 and an unbeaten 90 from Dan Palmer gave the hosts a glimmer of victory, but they eventually ran out of overs.

Blue Star 1st XI

	Runs
Bob Edwards	5
Shahoul Mohideen	13
Chris Holman	54
Michael Peters	90
Peter Smith	37
John Parsons	20
Aaron Jobson	0
Steve Chenery	0
Chris Chenery	0
Warren Bird	0
Gary Hill	0
Extras	14
Total	233

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Matthew Webb	10	0	42	2
Alex Rose	12	2	56	2
Robert Still	6	0	33	0
Richard Webb	12	4	42	0
Nigel Bacon	3	0	19	0
Jake Bacon	3	0	32	0

Leybourne 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Smith	24
Nigel Bacon	0
Jake Bacon	5
David Cahalin	13
Ashley Ulph	25
Dan Palmer	90
Darren Davies	5
Alex Rose	5
Robert Still	34
Matthew Webb	2
Richard Webb	0
Extras	18
Total	221

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Chris Chenery	12	0	64	2
John Parsons	10	4	29	2
Aaron Jobson	8	0	31	1
Steve Chenery	9	3	17	3
Gary Hill	3	0	19	0
Warren Bird	4	0	46	0



# New Stones academy to unearth next Smalling

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

MAIDSTONE United are to launch a football academy in September to develop aspiring young footballers from the county town.

The academy will be based at Cobdown Sports & Social Club, near Aylesford, and aimed at students who wish to enhance their football careers alongside their academic studies.

It is hoped the players will go on to represent the first-team and follow in the footsteps of former Stones defender Chris Smalling, who has joined Premier League giants Manchester United after an impressive two-year stint at Fulham.

Maidstone United general manager Bill Williams said: "This is a massive coup for Maidstone United Football Club. Our football academy will provide first-class education and football coaching. The Government want school leavers to continue in education or move to employment or work-based training. As a club we are delighted to offer young people in Maidstone and Malling the opportunity to combine their further studies with sport."

Stones boss Peter Nott, who spent the majority of his coaching career in the club's youth set-up, believes the launch of academy could be key to Maidstone's future.



**NURTURING:** (l-r) Peter Nott hopes academy will uncover talent like Chris Smalling, who is now at Manchester United

He said: "I'm delighted by the news because it bridges the gap at the club between the youth teams and the reserves. All clubs seem to be setting up academies and I think it is certainly the way to go. I will be definitely keeping my eyes open on how the academy players perform. I hope they will form part of the club's reserve side."

Academy trials will take place at Cobdown on Friday, July 9, Monday, July 12 and Friday, July 16. All sessions start at 6.30pm and end at 8.30pm. Applicants must be aged 16 or 17.



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**FALLING BACK:** Scott Smart missed out on vital points

## Smart hopes fade after tough race

## SUPERBIKES

SCOTT Smart's British Superbike Championship hopes are fading after failing to score points for the third consecutive round on Sunday.

The Maidstone-born superbike rider went into the meeting at Scotland's Knockhill circuit last weekend hoping to end his two race run without scoring points. However, his search for a result came to an abrupt end with an early retirement.

The 35-year-old started the weekend in impressive form as he recorded his best qualifying time of the season with second spot on the grid. He posted a time just one tenth of a second slower than pole sitter Glen Richards.

With the wind and rain causing havoc, Smart was among the riders who were unable to beat the conditions as he crashed out after ten laps. His retirement saw him slip to 13th place in the championship standings.

Torrential rain and high winds also ended Tom Weeden's day prematurely as his British 125cc Championship race was cancelled.

Following a multiple pile-up in the second of the British Superbike Championship races, event organisers deemed the conditions too dangerous and abandoned the rest of the meeting.



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**HIGH FIVES:** The Mote first-team believe they have what it takes to finish in the top three in this season's Premier

## Harvey still keen on top-three

## CRICKET

THE Mote skipper Tom Harvey remains confident his side can fulfill their target of a top-three spot as the Kent Premier Division reaches the halfway stage.

After earning promotion from Division One last year, The Mote have coped well with the step up having picked up four wins from nine games so far.

At the start of the season, 1st XI captain Harvey predicted a top-three finish and his target remains a realistic possibility after an impressive first half of the summer.

Following Saturday's 95-run win at Bickley Park, Harvey's side are third in the league and just 16 points adrift of leaders St Lawrence & Highland Court.

With the league at the halfway stage, Harvey is pleased with how his side have adapted to the Premier Division and is confident the run of form will continue.

Harvey said: "It's gone well so far. I'm really happy with how we have coped in the Premier Division. I think some of it has been down to the promotion last season but this year we have been able to put out an unchanged lineup for most games."

"We are in a good position and top-three is definitely still a realistic target. If we are not able to reach that then we should be finishing in the top-five. A few of the top sides have got to play each other soon so we should be able to capitalise on that and move further up the table."

This Saturday The Mote face one of their toughest games of the season as they travel to 2008 champions Hartley Country Club.

## KENT SCHOOLS GAMES

## Youngsters shine at county games finals

STUDENTS from across the town put themselves to the test at this year's Kent School Games as they competed under the banner of the Maidstone School Sport Partnership.

There were two Maidstone winners at the event, which finished on Sunday, with Oakwood School taking the under-15 boys table tennis competition while Allington were victorious in the mixed Year 3/4 tri-golf event.

In the under-15 boys mixed volleyball tournament, Maidstone Grammar School came close to rounding off a hat-trick of successes but they were edged into second place by Canterbury's Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys.

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls recorded fourth-placed finishes in both the under-16 girls badminton and under-13 girls hockey. Elsewhere, the Maidstone teams competing in the under-13 girls athletics and under-13 girls court volleyball both came in fourth.

In the under-13 girls basketball, Maidstone finished fifth, while there were also decent finishes from three other Maidstone schools on a day when participation was spread around the town.

There were fifth-placed finishes for Cornwallis Academy in the under-15 boys basketball, Maplesden Noakes in the under-15 boys futsal and performed well in the under-13 boys table tennis.

St Simon Stock Catholic School and Maidstone Grammar School for Girls came seventh in the under-16 boys badminton and under-16 girls beach volleyball respectively.

The Games, held at various venues around the county, is the largest event of its kind in the UK, featuring 30,000 children from 550 schools, culminating in last weekend's finals.

Chris Hespe, head of Kent County Council's sport, leisure and Olympics team said: "It's been an enormous exercise. We've had 64 finals, with 6,000 young people involved in 38 different sports across 13 different venues."

"The Games is now in the psyche of schools and it's an exciting opportunity for these youngsters to learn the values of co-operation, competition, team work and fair play."



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**AIMING HIGH:** Teams performed well in the volleyball tournament

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Footage from the finals at last weekend's Kent School Games



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